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ALMA

Status changes sent Brother Peter O'Brien to Santa Clara, and brought Brother James Lee to Alma, where he is acting as refectorian and sacristan.

The Semi-annual triduum, conducted by Fr. Henry A. Gabriel, was held at Alma Dec. 5,6,7. The renovation of vows was made at an early Mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Colored slides of China belonging to Fr. Charles Simons, S. J., of Zikawei, were used by Mr. John Magner in an illustrated lecture to the theologians. Mr. Magner's intimate knowledge of the Chinese Missions, and of the scenes depicted, made the lecture doubly interesting because of the wealth of personal anecdote and experience at his command.

The Catacombs of Rome were the subject of an illustrated talk by Mr. Carlo Rossi to the Alma community. Mr. Rossi, S. J., who made his philosophy and two years of theology at the Gregorian University, possesses hundreds of photographic postcards of the Eternal City which were used as the basis of his illustrated lecture.

Fr. James Malone, S. J., Rector of Alma, who had been in ill-health for several weeks, returned from O'Connor Sanitarium Dec. 14.

Fr. Walter Semeria, S. J., professor of De Verbo, who has been under observation at St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, has been relieved of his professorship at Alma College.

Mr. Peter Deasy, S. J., remained about ten days at St. Mary's Hospital San Francisco, but returned to Alma in time for Christmas.

Rev. William H. McClellan, S. J., professor of Sacred Scripture, alternating with Fr. Francis X. Peirce, S. J., arrived at Alma, Dec. 22. Fr. Peirce left for Woodstock, December 19.

Mr. Frank Griffin, Ath. Director of

Sequoia High School, Redwood City, Stanford graduate and prominent Knight of Columbus, was invited by the Communistic Seminar at Alma to address the community on his four month sojourn last summer in the Soviet Union of Russia. Author, lecturer and traveller, Mr. Griffin, incognito, saw what is not shown by guides to professed tourists. His verdict is that Communism cannot ultimately succeed because it is opposed to the fundamental instincts of Religion, Family Life and Ownership. Since his return Mr. Griffin has given forty gratuitous talks on this subject.

The following Fathers from Alma College are supplying for Christmas work: Fr. Gousie, Santa Barbara; Fr. Robidoux, Pleasanton; Fr. Sheerin, Crockett; Fr. Coughlin, Oakley; Fr. Huesman, Galt; Fr. Lipman, San Anselmo; Fr. Copeland, Mission San Jose; Fr. Conway, Sacred Heart College, Christian Brothers; Fr. Corkery, Presidio; Fr. Marine, Tomales; Fr. Corbett, Dixon; Fr. Sullivan, San Mateo; Fr. Llorente, San Rafael. Mr. Carlo Rossi is preaching in English and Italian at Holy Family, San Jose.

BROPHY

In preparation for the feast of St. Francis Xavier, the patron of the school, Father Cosgrave preached a triduum. At the Solemn High Mass V. R. Father Provincial preached the panegyric.

Father Madigan has arranged four debates with Phoenix High, and has entered a team in the State Debating Tournament.

Father Rector delivered a lecture in St. Mary's Hall on the Legion of Decency.

Father Flynn interviewed the editors and owners of both local papers, and persuaded them to remove very

suggestive and nude movie advertisements from their pages.

Dr. Garretson, High School Visitor from the University of Arizona, visited the classes; prior to doing this he stated dogmatically that Latin should be dropped for Social Sciences (his own specialty). He was impressed a little with the Latin classes. Later, Mr. Fader addressed the student body on the merits of Latin, and gave a splendid specimen with his Latin class.

Messrs. Cahill and Robinson will be made honorary members of the H. E. P. A. Society, the National Society of the Greek People, because they teach Greek at Brophy. They will give addresses at the annual banquet in January. Modern Greek newspapers are sent them each month, from these they read to their classes.

The Pastor has inaugurated weekly sermons on Catholic Action. There is also a weekly Study Club. The fiesta netted enough money for social work among the poor.

On account of injuries to many of the first string players, the Big Game with Phoenix High was called off. Phoenix High and also the papers approved of the prudent move.

The first five on the Basketball Team belong to the "Kostka Club", the Honor Society of the school. The daily papers featured this in their sporting writeups.

The Dramatic Society is trying to arrange a production of "The First Legion", the Jesuit play. Amateur rights have not yet been released.

LOS ALTOS

In December Father Wm. Boland gave an 8-day retreat to the San Diego Carmelites.

Father McFadden attended the National Retreat Conference in Washington, D. C.

LOYOLA

Loyola was well represented at the Fall Meeting of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the Pacific Southwest, eight faculty members being present. The Jesuit members of the delegation were Fathers Duce and Rudolph, and Messers Carr and Ryan. Dr. Conroy, Mr. Sciemann, Mr. Frizol, and Mr. Kramer were the lay professors who completed our representation. The meeting was held in the Mission Inn at Riverside, the theme being "Vocational Counseling in College." In the discussion following the set speeches, Mr. Carr

gave a brief outline of the methods followed at Loyola in giving vocational counsel. He stressed the fact, however, that such a method brought its best results in the small college.

Father Vaughan's pamphlet, **THE COMMUNISTIC CRISIS**, has been published and is now being distributed around Los Angeles. It is the first of a group, the remainder of which will appear in the near future. The printing of the first pamphlet was sponsored by Father Lyons, President of Santa Clara.

Loyola claims the distinction of being the only institution in the nation with three members of her alumni organization in Congress. John Costello, John Dockweiler, and John Steven McGroarty, all Loyola alumni, were elected to the Lower House in the November elections. As a testimonial of their Alma Mater's pride in their success, a dinner was held at the Jonathan Club on the evening of December 14. Among the speakers on the occasion were Very Reverend Father Provincial, Reverend Father Rector, George Breslin, Isidore B. Dockweiler, Joseph Scott, J. Frank Morony, and of course, the honored guests. Joseph Scott told of some of the things that were going on in Mexico, events brought forcibly to his attention during a recent visit. In his speech Congressman Dockweiler announced his intention of assembling a delegation of his colleagues in Washington and making representations to the President concerning the state of Catholics in Mexico.

The annual students' retreat was held during the first week of December. Father Fox, from Loyola High School, conducted the exercises. On the closing day of the retreat Father Acquistapace, Dean of Men, admitted new members to the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

At the annual Diocesan Sodality Convention, held December 12 at the Ambassador Hotel, Loyola was represented by Fathers Duce and Acquistapace, and about sixty-five students.

Father Rudolph, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was present at the installation of a new president at Los Angeles Junior College.

The improvement of the grounds has made great strides in the last few weeks. The large crew of FERA workers under the supervision of Father Rice and Brother Pereira have put in over two hundred palm trees along the various roads on the pro-

perty. Cypress trees are being planted along the race track. The bank overlooking Jefferson boulevard is to be covered with ice-plant in the near future.

An aviary has been installed at the northeast corner of the cloister garden, due to the efforts of Father Regan.

Brother Reilly is in charge of the refectory and sacristy. Brother Vlasich is assisting Brother Pereira.

LOYOLA HIGH

On December 20, fourteen members of the community, Fathers, Scholastics and Brothers went on a house picnic to a beach cottage near Oxnard, where everyone enjoyed the day.

Father Minister helped out at the Parish in Oxnard during Christmas, and then gave a triduum to the sisters there. During his absence, Father Henry, just back from a three months stay in the Queen of Angels Hospital, acted as minister.

Father Minister's generous friends donated many Christmas trees, decorations and ornaments to the high school. A beautifully decorated and lighted Christmas tree in front of our house could be seen by all those travelling along Venice Boulevard.

Father Fox's class of religious instruction has increased to nearly fifty members. eight were sufficiently prepared to be baptised and to receive first Holy Communion on Christmas morning at the solemn high mass at St. Thomas Church where Father Fox was deacon and preached the occasional sermon.

Father Provincial celebrated Christmas Mass for his brother in the chapel of Father Martin Maher's Cottage.

Two professors from the theological at Alma, Fathers Donnelly and Gousie, stayed with us during the Christmas holidays.

A moratorium was arranged in December, with Mr. Bitting of St. Louis, so that any imminent disaster for Loyola High is deferred.

LOS GATOS

Kenneth L. Doyle, a scholastic novice, pronounced his first vows on December 8.

An oratorical contest on historical subjects, and two vignettes on the lives of Henry VIII and Martin Luther, brightened the routine of the history class.

Brother Charles Kennedy came to the Novitiate before December 8. He

was brought in an ambulance from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO

The "College Players" of U. S. F. presented on three evenings in November, a three act play called "Double Door."

The university library has received some valuable books on literature, the gift of Mr. Albert Bender. The library has also loaned some 500 volumes to help the library at Alma.

The Francesca Relief Society held its annual Christmas entertainment for the poor in the university auditorium on December 15.

In December Bishop Del Rosario of the Philippine Islands stayed a few days at U. S. F., before leaving for his diocese. Father McCann also came as Prefect of the Province's High Schools to inspect St. Ignatius.

The Senate Debating Society of St. Ignatius held a dual debate on "Communism" with Bellarmine. Each won a home decision.

The Junior Sodality presented an entertainment to aid the poor. It consisted of talks and musical numbers by the boys and also a one act play, "Charity is Kind." Admission fee was discarded clothing.

The annual Dramatic Art contest of St. Ignatius High was held on December 4. First honors were conceded to Charles Bulotti.

The high school closed on December 14.

Mr. Walter Want was called to Fort Worth to attend the funeral of his mother. She had been ill for some time.

SANTA CLARA

Father Strehl became Minister on December 22.

Father Lyons attended the dedication of the new building of the Dominicans in Oakland, on December 22.

The University has a new seal made up of elements taken from the Society, the Franciscans, California, and Santa Clara.

GEORGETOWN

Father Cornelius Deeney writes: I attend the Supreme Court several times a week. The New Deal is being argued there now. The Munitions Investigation is going on. It is filled with "dynamite" in more ways than one. The disease is bad, but the remedies may be worse. Just now the Attorney General's National Confer-

ence on Crime is in session. I spent December 11 at the morning, afternoon and night sessions. The President spoke the evening before, at the opening session.

CHINA

During the past summer Father Lennon gave two six-day retreats to the Priests of the Irish Columban Mission. The retreat was given up in the mountains at a place some 4000 feet above the valley of the Yangste. The panorama is magnificent and extends in every direction, an ideal place for a retreat.

Mr. George Dunne is beadle of the theologians at Zikawei.

Messrs. Deward and Le Sage spend the day in studying Chinese; they have one period with a teacher for written work, and each has an hour with the teacher by himself for the spoken language.

SACRED HEART, SHANGHAI

The territory of Sacred Heart parish is wide and boarders on the river-front. There are a lot of poor people—very deserving poor—to be taken care of. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of the parish cares for the foreigners, and St. Joseph's Benevolent Society for the Chinese; and both do wonderful work to alleviate distress.

Some of the finest and most practical Catholics of Shanghai are in the parish, as appears from the large number of confessions and communions each week, and from the attendance at Mass on Sundays and weekdays. The crowds fill the church at 7 and 8 on Sunday mornings, and receive in large numbers.

It is a noisy part of the city, and smoky with its factories and warehouses. Not infrequently it is rather smelly also. But a three minute walk brings one to the Whangpoo waterfront with its craft busily and noisily making their way up and down, back and forth, crisscross and in every other conceivable direction.

There are lots of children to care for and train up for the service of the Master. The Marist Brothers in St. Francis Xavier's College just across the street help in training the boys; and the Helpers of the Holy Souls and the Sisters of Loretto have the schools for the girls.

YEAR END EXERCISES

Alameda, Notre Dames, Fr. Feely
Belmont, Notre Dames, Fr. Ferguson
Gilroy, Presentation, Fr. Fabris
Menlo, Madames, Fr. Duffy
Oxnard, Mercy Srs., Fr. Belanger
Sacramento, Academy, Fr. Jos. King
Mercy Hospital, Fr. Franchi
Mercy Orphanage, Fr. G. Leahy
San Francisco,
Adoratrices, Fr. Llorente
Notre Dames, Fr. T. Cosgrave
Presentation (Masonic Ave.)
Fr. Gleeson

San Jose, Notre Dames, Fr. Duffy
Santa Clara, Notre Dame, Fr. O'Brien

SCHOOL TRIDUUMS IN DECEMBER

Burlingame, Mercy High, 150, Fr. Feely.
Flintridge, Dominican School, 200, Fr. E. Whelan.
San Francisco, Immac. Concep. Academy, 190, Fr. Simpson.

FATHER PIET ILL

On December 18 Father Piet was discovered in his room in a seriously sick condition. When questioned, he could hardly speak. He had fought it for three weeks, but was obliged at length to give in. At the hospital that evening the Sister in charge did not think he would live through the night. The doctor was of the same opinion. The patient rallied during the night. A trained nurse, the best obtainable, was secured from Seattle by the Sisters, arriving Dec. 19. That night Father was to have been anointed, had he not shown signs of improvement. There is still serious danger. It is an old complaint, complicated by a weak heart, a bad cold, and his very great weight. His morale and fighting spirit have improved, and there is hope.

The Province owes very much to Father Piet, and his many devoted friends will not be unmindful of him.

DEATHS IN THE ASSISTANCY

Bishop John J. Collins, Nov. 30, New York.
Fr. John M. Coughlan, Dec. 11, Boston College.
Fr. Chas. F. Arnold, Dec. 12, Kingston, Jamaica.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

The mother of Mr. Walter Want.
The father of Bro. John Connelly, novice.